

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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AWARD OF RESEARCH CONTRACTS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry Award Research Contracts to consultants, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Academic and Research Organisations etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the list of Research contracts awarded during each of the last three years and the current year and the current status of these Research works;
- (c) whether the Research Contracts are illustrated on the website of the Ministry;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the modus operandi and the criteria being followed in decision of topics and award of Research Contracts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a): Yes, Indian Institute of Public Administration has been appointed as Consultant to the Department of Consumer Affairs to implement the scheme 'Promoting Involvement of Research Institutions, Universities, Colleges etc in the Consumer Protection and Consumer Welfare'. Research proposals are sanctioned under this scheme to Universities, Colleges and NGOs.
- (b): Details of the Research Studies awarded under the Scheme for last three years and the current year and their status is given at Annexure-I.
- (c): Details of Research study awarded are on the website www.consumereducation.in of the Consultancy Project which is maintained by Indian Institute of Public Administration, this is linked to the website of the Department of Consumer Affairs.
- (d): In view of the explanation provided at part (c) this is not relevant.
- (e): An Evaluation Committee set-up at the Indian Institute of Public Administration shortlists the topics and submits it for final approval of Monitoring Committee in the Department.